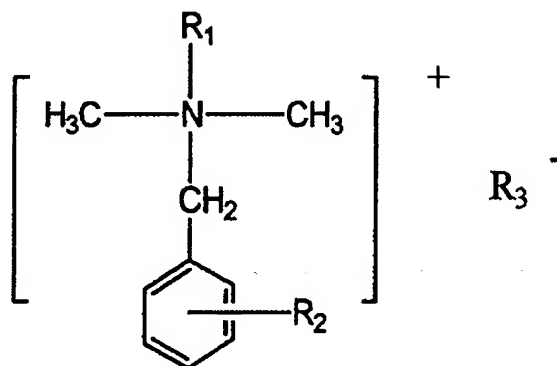


## Patent claims

1. A substance comprising a compound of the formula



where

$\text{R}_1$  =  $\text{C}_8$ - $\text{C}_{20}$ -alkyl

$\text{R}_2$  = H, methyl, ethyl, propyl and isopropyl

$\text{R}_3$  = sorboyl (trans, trans  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH=CH=CH=CH-COO}$ ), benzoyl.

2. A food having a content of a compound as claimed in claim 1.
3. An animal feed having a content of a compound as claimed in claim 1.
4. A cosmetic having a content of a compound as claimed in claim 1.
5. An industrial product having a content of a compound as claimed in claim 1.
6. A requisite intended for contact with humans or foods which has a content of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

7. A packaging having a content of a compound as claimed in claim 1.
8. A drug having a content of a compound as claimed in claim 1.
9. A preservative comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.
10. A surface treatment comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.
11. A surface treatment as claimed in claim 10 for fruit or vegetables.
12. Food or hospital products comprising the surface treatment as claimed in claim 10.
13. A composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1 and an additive.
14. The composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein the additive is one or more substances selected from the group consisting of suspension aids, thickeners, carriers and film-formers.
15. A process for preparing the compound as claimed in claim 1, which comprises exchanging the halide anion of a quaternary ammonium halide for a sorbate or benzoate anion.

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